

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the original specification as filed on July 31, 2003 by replacing the following paragraph on lines 2-11 of page 18 of the specification with the following paragraph:

Replace:

Upper and lower window strips each define an elongate panel receptacle of generally rectangular configuration for receiving an edge portion of a structural panel in tight fitting serration retained relation therein. The window track strips each define wall structures forming a pair of window guide tracks thereby allowing a pair of window panels to be moved in sliding fashion along the guide tracks to open or close the windows. The top window track strip defines window guide tracks that are deeper than the bottom window guide tracks to permit the window panels to be upwardly and laterally for removal. Rainwater collected within the bottom guide tracks will drain away at the ends of the window guide tracks or may drain via drain holes. The bottom window guide track structure is provided with a resilient strip to protect objects such as guns, camera lenses and the like that contact the guide track strip.

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guide tracks or ~~may drain~~ via drain holes therein. The bottom window guide track structure is provided with a resilient strip to protect objects such as guns, camera lenses and the like that contact the guide track strip.

Please amend the original specification as filed on July 31, 2003 by replacing the following paragraph on page 4 line 18 – page 5 line 12 of the specification with the following paragraph:

Replace:

Fig. 1 is a sectional view showing part of a structure defined by structural panels and forming a window opening and with a window assembly defined by window strips constructed according to the principles of the present invention being assembled to the structural panels and having window guide tracks permitting sliding of window panels therein and with a cushioning strip being in assembly with the lower window strip and further showing the release position of one of the window panels in broken line;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view of a top window strip or track embodying the principles of the present invention;

Fig. 2A is a fragmentary sectional view, showing a portion of the side wall structure of Fig. 2 and showing the substantially horizontal internal serrations of the panel receptacle of Fig. 2 in greater detail;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of a bottom window strip or track embodying the principles of the present invention; and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view of a resilient insert strip of cushioning material adapted for assembly within the strip retention receptacle of the bottom window track structure of Fig. 3 and also shown at the bottom part of Fig. 1.

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Fig. 2A is a sectional view of a top window strip or track embodying the principles of the present invention;

Fig. 2[A]B is a fragmentary sectional view, showing a portion of the side wall structure of Fig. 2A and showing the substantially horizontal internal serrations of the panel receptacle of Fig. 2A in greater detail;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of a bottom window strip or track embodying the principles of the present invention; and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view of a resilient insert strip of cushioning material adapted for assembly within the strip retention receptacle of the bottom window track structure of Fig. 3 and also shown at the bottom part of Fig. 1.

Please amend the original specification as filed on July 31, 2003 by replacing the following paragraph on page 5 line 21 – page 6 line 15 of the specification with the following paragraph:

Replace:

Top and bottom window track strips, shown generally at 22 and 24 are affixed to respective edge portions of the structural panels 12 and 14 as shown. The top window track strip 22 is preferably extruded of a metal material such as aluminum alloy, but may be composed of polymer material or any of a number of other suitable materials if desired, and has receptacle side walls 26 and 28 and a receptacle bottom wall 30 which cooperatively

define an upper panel receptacle 32 which received the lower edge of the upper panel 12 in close fitting relation therein. At least one and preferably both of the receptacle side walls 26 and 28 are provided with internal serrations 34 and 36 which are so spaced as to have close fitting or interference fitting relation with opposed surfaces of the structural panels and thus bite into the structural panel material and thus provide for retention of the panel within the receptacle 32 or alternatively provide for retention of the window track strip in assembly with the lower panel edge. As shown in FIG. 2A, the internal serrations are generally horizontally oriented and are each defined by intersecting generally horizontal surfaces 61 and angulated surfaces 63. The serrations are oriented to permit forcible assembly of the top and bottom window track strips to the structural panels and to resist separation therefrom after assembly. If additional retention of the upper window track strip in assembly with the panel edge is needed, the window track strip material may be drilled and screws, nails or other retaining devices may be extended through the window track strip material and fixed into the structural panel material.

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receptacle 32 or alternatively provide for retention of the window track strip in assembly with the lower panel edge. As shown in FIG. 2[A]B, the internal serrations are generally horizontally oriented and are each defined by intersecting generally horizontal surfaces 61 and angulated surfaces 63. The serrations are oriented to permit forcible assembly of the top and bottom window track strips to the structural panels and to resist separation therefrom after assembly. If additional retention of the upper window track strip in assembly with the panel edge is needed, the window track strip material may be drilled and screws, nails or other retaining devices may be extended through the window track strip material and fixed into the structural panel material.

Please amend the original specification as filed on July 31, 2003 by replacing the following paragraph on page 5 line 21 – page 6 line 15 of the specification with the following paragraph:

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The top window track strip 22 defines an integral horizontally oriented support wall or member 38 which projects laterally from the receptacle side wall 28 and provides support for guide walls 40 and 42 that define window guide tracks 44 and 46. These guide tracks will typically be oriented substantially horizontally, though other character of orientation may be employed as well. The upper edges of a pair of window panels 48 and 50 are adapted to be received in guided moveable relation within the guide tracks 44 and 46, thus permitting edges of the window panels to be disposed in overlapping relation when the window panels are in their closed positions, and permitting either of the window panels to be moved toward the open or closed positions by substantially horizontal sliding movement within the respective window panel guide track.

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The top window track strip 22 defines an integral horizontally oriented support wall or member 38 which projects laterally from the receptacle side wall 28 and provides support for guide walls 40 and 42 that define window guide tracks 44 and 46. These guide tracks will typically be oriented substantially ~~horizontally~~ vertically, though other character of orientation may be employed as well. The upper edges of a pair of window panels 48 and 50 are adapted to be received in guided moveable relation within the guide tracks 44 and 46, thus permitting edges of the window panels to be disposed in overlapping relation when the window panels are in their closed positions, and permitting either of the window panels to be moved toward the open or closed positions by substantially horizontal sliding movement within the respective window panel guide track.

Please amend the original specification as filed on July 31, 2003 by replacing the following paragraph on page 7 lines 3-12 of the specification with the following paragraph:

Replace:

The bottom window track strip 24 also defines receptacle side walls 52 and 54 and a receptacle bottom wall 56 that collectively define a panel receptacle 58 which receives the upper edge portion of the structural panel 14. The receptacle side walls 52 and 54 also define internal serrations 60 and 62 for the same purpose as the internal serrations 34 and 36 as discussed above. The bottom window track strip 24 also defines receptacle walls 64 and 66 which cooperate with a horizontal support wall 68 to define window panel guide tracks 70 and 72 which receive and guide the bottom edges of the window panels 48 and 54. Both of the top and bottom window panel guide tracks provide for guiding of the window panels during sliding movement thereof and support the window panels in closely spaced overlapping, but not touching, relation with one another.

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The bottom window track strip 24 also defines receptacle side walls 52 and 54 and a receptacle ~~bottom-top~~ wall 56 that collectively define a panel receptacle 58 which receives the upper edge portion of the structural panel 14. The receptacle side walls 52 and 54 also define internal serrations 60 and 62 for the same purpose as the internal serrations 34 and 36 as discussed above. The bottom window track strip 24 also defines receptacle walls 64 and 66 which cooperate with a horizontal support wall 68 to define window panel guide tracks 70 and 72 which receive and guide the bottom edges of the window panels 48 and [54]50. Both of the top and bottom window panel guide tracks provide for guiding of the window panels during sliding movement thereof and support the window panels in closely spaced overlapping, but not touching, relation with one another.